REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

An interview with the Examiner is requested in the event the Examiner continues to reject the claims for any reason after entry and/or review of the present Amendment. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone to arrange an interview at a time convenient for the Examiner. Such a request is believed to be proper and timely made according to MPEP § 713.09 and 713.01.

Claims 20-38 are pending. Claim 28 has been allowed. Entry of the present Amendment is requested to place the remaining claim 20-27 and 29-38 in condition for allowance.

Claim 20 has been amended to delete the objected-to phrase and to include the further description of the invention provided, for example, at page 9, lines 7-19 of the specification. No new matter has been added. Moreover, the present Amendment is not believed to raise new issues requiring further search and/or consideration.

The above amendments to claim 20 are submitted to obviate the Section 112, first paragraph "written description", rejection of claims 20-27 and 29-38. Entry of the present Amendment and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

The amended claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and entry of the present Amendment and a Notice of Allowance are requested.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned for the purposes of arranging an interview at a time convenient to the Examiner's schedule in the event the Examiner continues to believe the claims are not in condition for allowance.

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